



Betty Lou Wood Smith

June 26, 1944 - October 12, 2012

Betty Lou Wood Smith, age 68 of Searcy, died Friday, October 12, 2012 in Rochester, Minnesota. She was born June 26, 1944 in Batesville, Arkansas to Virgil Wood and Norma Feagin Wood. Betty and Gorman grew up in Searcy and were high school sweethearts. After spending two tours with the military, they moved from Searcy to Russellville in 1969, where they built and operated a successful motorcycle import business. They retired in 2001 and moved back to Searcy to the Smith family farm where they raise Registered Beef Master cattle. Betty and Gorman traveled the United States extensively, occasionally on motorcycles, and many times to motorcycle races where Gorman and Layne and now Montana participated. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Gorman Smith; one son, Jeffrey Layne Smith of Russellville; two grandsons, Trace Montana Smith and Nicholas Davis of Sherwood; one sister, Brenda Pruitt and husband Buddy of Judsonia; one brother, Mitchell Wood and wife Marie of Eldorado, Kansas; two brothers-in-law, Gary Smith and wife Peggy and Col. Carlon Smith, US Army (ret.) and wife Gayla of Searcy; one sister-in-law, Katy Smith of Searcy; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, plus many friends both locally, across the country as well as Taiwan and China. Betty was especially fond of her Searcy High School classmates. She is preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Norma Wood; infant daughter, Tammy Dawn Smith; and one brother-in-law, Hartsell Smith.

The family has requested memorials be made to Hands of Compassion, 840 W. Center St., Rochester, MN 55902 or Searcy Childrens Home 509 N. Main St., Searcy, AR 72143.

Tribute Wall

GB

“ Gorman and family, I am so sad Betty had to leave so soon. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. I was so lucky to get to grow up with you all and consider you all my friends. If I may assist you in any way, please let me know. Love you all.

Gene Barnett - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

ME

“ Gorman,

We are thinking about you during this very difficult time and sending our condolences.

Many here at HOC and the Rochester Church of Christ are lifting you and your family in prayer.

May you be surrounded by the love and comfort of family and friends in the weeks and months to come.

House of Compassion Ministry Team

Meagan - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

SS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family during this time. May God ease the pain of losing such a dear person. God Bless!

Searcy Farm Supply - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

WB

“ Gorman & family, we are so sorry for you loss and will be sending prayers your way.

Winston & Shelly brown - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

TS

“ Gorman & family,

Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. We pray you draw strength from all your many precious memories.

*with love
Todd & Beverly Sherrill*

Todd & Beverly Sherrill - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

CV

“ Gorman and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Betty was a beautiful lady! We pray for God to hold and comfort you.

Carl & Veronica Vanaman - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

JL

“ *Betty was my very first, sort of kinda, girlfriend. Well, we called ourselves girlfriend/boyfriend. We were both extremely young at the time. I really liked Betty and was sadden that she was taken at such a young, at least to me, age.*

Jim Lindsey - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

AF

“ *What a great tribute to sweet Ms. Betty. My heart is so sadden by her passing. She was a wonderful lady. My deepest condolences to all of the you. May the love of Christ be with you all during this trying time. I love you guys.*

Andrea Faught - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

GB

“ Gorman and family. Just wanted you to know that I hurt right along with you at the passing of Betty. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and a great friend to so many. She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her. I have all the memories of our wonderful childhood with Betty and family. My heart goes out to Gorman as I know he tried so hard to keep her here with us. I know that God has her by his side now and we will all reunite again. If I may assist the family in anyway just let me know and I will be there. Love you all.

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Gene Barnett - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM

TO

“ Gorman, Lane & family; I was very sad to here of Betty's passing today.

Betty was a wonderful lady for sure and will be missed by many, many folks for all the wonderful things she has done for so many. Ya'll are in our thoughts & prayers.

Thomas, Jana & John Michael Olson

Thomas Olson - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM